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**DYNAMIC RANGE COMPRESSION USING DIGITAL FREQUENCY  
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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action of November 3, 2003 Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-3 and 30-40 drawn to the structures/structural elements of a hearing aid. Applicant hereby cancels claims 4-29, drawn to the structures/structural elements of a dynamic range compressor, without prejudice to further prosecution in a divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or other application.

**CHANGE OF FIRM NAME**

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